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TO : DDP/ADMIN
THRU : FE/ADMIN
FROM : Chief, FE

DATE: 12 January 1954

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SUBJECT: 25X1A9a
[REDACTED] — Reimbursement for Shipment of Automobile

1. [REDACTED] is a staff agent assigned to Project [REDACTED], an approved project of FE Division operating within the continental United States. Subject was ordered to duty with this project in January 1953, to be located in [REDACTED]. He had previously served as a staff employee of CIA, and changed status to staff agent for the convenience of the Agency. 25X1A2d1 25X1A9a 25X1A6a

2. Subject's approved travel orders provided for "the shipment of his personal automobile and effects from Providence, Rhode Island /his home/ to San Francisco, California /TDY point/ and thence to [REDACTED] /PCS point/." A copy of the approved order is on file in FE Division. 25X1A6a

3. In January 1954, upon processing subject's claim for reimbursement for the expense of shipping his personal automobile, Finance Division advised FE by memorandum that this was not an allowable expense since, as a matter of general Agency policy, personal automobiles could not be shipped within the United States.

4. The following information is submitted in explanation of both of the operational need for, and use of, this vehicle, and of the reasons why it was not driven, rather than shipped, to his duty station:

a. [REDACTED] was traveling with his wife, a two year old daughter, and a baby about four weeks old. Under these circumstances he could not drive to the West Coast and would have sold his car rather than ship it at personal expense. 25X1A9a

b. The nature of [REDACTED] assignment required an automobile at his disposal and it was suggested to [REDACTED] that he travel by air, shipping his automobile. A travel order was prepared providing shipment and when it was authorized by signature of the travel order, [REDACTED] assumed that this was a perfectly legitimate expense. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a 25X1A8a

c. Since arriving on the West Coast, approximately 80% of [REDACTED] mileage has been operational; this can be supported by detailed records. If he had not brought his own car, the Agency would have had to provide a car if he was to be operationally effective. 25X1A9a

d. [REDACTED] arrived at his PCS as a GS-7 and is now a GS-9. Requiring [REDACTED] to reimburse the Government for the cost of transporting his automobile, which he did in reasonable reliance upon approved travel order, would cost him in excess of one month's salary; this would impose upon him an unreasonable financial burden which is scarcely his responsibility. 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

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5. In view of the above facts, it is requested that subject be authorized reimbursement for the expense of shipping his personal automobile to his duty station. Any inquiries regarding this matter should be addressed to the originator.

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Chief, FE

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